

Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee Meeting

Minutes

July 22, 2013

7:00pm

Hayden Library

The commissioners for the Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee in attendance – John McCoy NCFD, Michael Spaziani NCFD, James Leonard CFD, Dana Jones CFD, Ronald Champagne CHFD, Arthur Cowell CHFD, James Scullin VFFD, Norman Menard VFFD.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting was made by James Leonard, seconded by Arthur Cowell.
Motion carried unanimously.

New Business –

Based on the legislation passes all 4 districts will have to ratify the appointees to the transitional committee. This will be done at the monthly board meetings. The draft of the bylaws need to be reviewed and the pertinent sections need to be rewritten to conform to the Bill that was passed by the General Assembly. John McCoy will look it over.

The buildings committee held a separate meeting. The results were a suggestion that the Transitional committee look at the possibility of moving vehicles from one station to another. Questions about budgets, insurance, loan payments, leasing, legalities and locations were brought up. In addition, discussion about whether to repair older vehicles now or discuss as a committee how to proceed. No specific decisions were made.

Discussion regarding the Chief's appointing a town wide Fire Marshall and Assistant Fire Marshall. The Chairman Ron Champagne suggested the appointments will improve efficiency, uniform interpretation of the fire code, and equal code enforcement. He also stated that one location to drop off and pick up plans for approval and one person scheduling appointments and one number to call would make it easier on the public. He offered the services of his office manager at the Cumberland Hill Station. Discussion about the number of certified Fire Marshalls in town at this time, which stations were under served, if an existing Fire Marshall were appointed who would do their current job and how a new position would be paid for was conducted. No conclusion was reached.

A discussion about conducting entry level firefighter testing for a town wide hiring list was conducted. John McCoy offered to look at the verbiage before the ad was placed in the local papers. No conclusion was reached.

Committee Reports

Labor – Nothing to report.

Financial – Nothing to report.

Legal – See New Business

Media – the recent article in the Valley Breeze

Buildings – See New Business

Chairman's Report – See New Business

Public Comment – Phil Koutsigane suggested that all members of the board should speak to each other before speaking to the public. He stated that open lines of communication by all involved would help to ease the transition for the new committee. He said there were a lot of good ideas but a lot of work needed to be done.

A change in the name of this committee was suggested. Cumberland Fire District Transitional Committee was settled on.

Next Meeting - unknown at this time

Motion was made by Jim Scullin to adjourn.

Seconded by Mike Spaziani.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:04.